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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Idaho's expected winter wheat production is 60.7 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acreage of winter wheat is expected to total 740,000 acres, 30,000 acres less than last year. Yield, as of July 1, is expected to be 82.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Producers with spring wheat are expected to harvest 460,000 acres, down 160,000 acres from 2011. Average yield is estimated at 70.0 bushels per acre, 14.0 bushels less than 2011. Spring wheat production is forecast at 32.2 million bushels, a decrease of 38 percent from 2011. Barley production is forecast at 51.3 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year's 46.5 million bushels. Harvested acreage, at 590,000 acres, is 90,000 acres more than last year. The expected yield of 87.0 bushels per acre is down 6 bushels from last year. Oat production is expected to be 975,000 bushels, down 7 percent from last year. Oat yield for grain, at 65.0 bushels per acre, is down 5 bushels from last year. Acreage harvested for grain, at 15,000, is unchanged from last year. Dry edible peas harvested acreage is estimated to be 23,000 acres, up 53 percent from last year. Harvested acreage for lentils is expected to total 32,000 acres, up 19 percent from 2011. Austrian winter peas harvested acreage, at 3,500 acres, decreased 30 percent from a year ago.

For the United States, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.67 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the June 1 forecast but up 12 percent from 2011. The United States yield is forecast at 47.7 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month and 1.5 bushels more than last year. Other spring wheat production is forecast at 472 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 40.4 bushels per acre, 2.7 bushels above 2011. Barley production is forecast at 217 million bushels, up 39 percent from 2011. The average yield is forecast at 66.3 bushels per acre, down 3.3 bushels from last year. Oat production is forecast at 65.3 million bushels, up 22 percent from the record low production in 2011. The yield is forecast at 59.8 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from 2011. Planted acreage of dry edible peas is estimated at 600,000 acres, up 66 percent from 2011. Planted acreage of lentils is estimated at 478,000 acres, up 12 percent from last season. Austrian winter peas planted acreage is estimated at 19,000 acres, up 6 percent from a year ago.